Dear Robert,

11/9/78

In haste many thanks for the clips with your 11/6. I'll answer as many questions as I can before I have to stop for another onligation.

I have not read Seth Kantor's book and do not intend to because its basic assumptions are not possible and other uses of the time are more important to me.

The hearings are, I believe, the equivalent of a show trial. Very dishonest.

I know of no evidence, as of today, that actually places Ray at the scene of the murder. Proving that some of Lane's alibi artists lied is a separate matter and I never had any doubt about that.

Lane ambulance chased his way into the case when Ray was casting about for different roads to take after the hearing went against him and was in disagreement with Lesar over what to do. As of now Ray has never actually fired Lesar. Lane remains a walking, much-taking encyclopadeia of misinformation.

Lane's involvement may be the coup de grace. He has blown everything that was possible, succeeded only in dramatizing himself tp those wgose judgement has not matured.

The committee never had any interest in asking questions. Only in seeming to answer them.

I'd like to be working on new books but I stay too busy on FOIA work.

By and large I feel pretty good, thanks. I'm able to do much more than I could a year ago and I enjoy the time I spend working outside that the good weather makes possible. It also is what the doctor ordered, literally.

The committee has not influenced my spirits. If you remember the speech I wrote for the NYU meeting I forecast what was going to happen.

If I'm not happy about it I'm not surprised by it, either. I've stayed away from the committee to preserve my own independence and integ rity.

Hope your school work is going well.

Thanks and best wishes,